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THE OFFICIAL AMSTRAD USER CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR ALL CPC MACHINES

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MANY MORE GREAT KNOCKOUT DEALS INSIDE

SERVICE SUCCESS

We are delighted at the TREMENDOUS response from our members to the new service announced in last months Amdata. Many of you are contacting us at Amsoft mail order for Software, Peripherals, and miscellaneous products which we do not normally carry as regular stock items. For any members still unaware of this excellent service, simply ring (091) 510 8787, or write to our Product Acquisition Department - stating which items you hope to buy and we will do our utmost to locate and despatch them at prices nobody else can match. It really does pay to belong!!

CPC BUNDLE DEAL ???

It has been rumoured in the trade press that this winter will see the arrival of a special CPC Bundle Deal.

Sources are indicating that the CPC computer will be marketed with a TV convertor, a desk, radio alarm, joystick, and games.

It may be possible that the bundle can be purchased by existing CPC owners

We will keep our members informed on any press releases from Amstrad head office.

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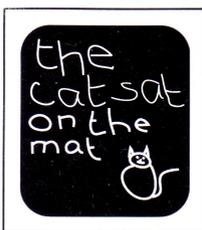
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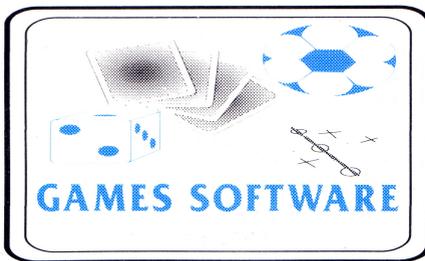
"SENIOR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE" (Ages 12-Adult)

(NOTE: This pack contains the same questions as our ANSWER BACK Senior program). The twenty topics include:

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Airbourne drones scream overhead and the desert sand kicks in your face as your Marauder's massive laser cannon crash-fires the defences to oblivion. Spinning eyepods close you down and electro-hovers spit fire as your Battlecar heaves to confront the persuers. Energy levels are dropping, but can you battle to the weapon beacon to recharge your besieged craft?

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COMPETITION

LAST MONTHS WINNER

Definitely a difficult one! Not many people even qualified for a privileged place in the cut-down beer barrel. However, one gentleman was lucky enough to have his answer pulled out. Congratulations **Mr. Atul Patel from Leicester!** Your £25.00 credit voucher is at this very moment winging it's way to you. The answer was of course 20!

THIS MONTHS COMPETITION

This brain teaser may especially appeal to all you commuters out there, and any headaches are to be blamed on **Mr. GLEN DUNLEY** from Harrogate in North Yorkshire, who'll receive a £10 voucher for this entry:

Three men were sitting in a railway compartment. The first had brought 5 sandwiches, the second had brought 3 sandwiches, but the third had no food. Feeling generous, the two with food invited the third to share their meal with them, so the food was shared equally, and all three ate their fill. On parting, the third man (who was fabulously wealthy) gave them 8 gold coins which were to be shared in proportion to their contribution of food. After much argument, a 'wise old man' offered an equitable solution. What was it?

GOOD LUCK!!!



LAMPOST



Mrs. Gilmartin from Scarborough writes,

How can I change the size of the page in TAS-WORD? When I try and print my document the print keeps ending up half way onto the next page?

Mrs. Gilmartin

Editor Replies

This should help you change the page sizes. From the editing text screen hold down control and press return, then from the next menu select C to customise program, then ask you if you want to define page layout. Simply type Y then type in the size of the page you want.

The Editor



Following Mr. Stotts letter in July's Amdata we received a letter from **Dr. M. S. McKinney**,

Dear Editor,

The reason why I am writing is that the CPC464 has a built-in function for reading binary strings as decimal numbers. If the binary string is contained in a \$ then:
dec=VAL("&X"+a\$) will produce the decimal equivalent in the variable dec.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. McKinney

Editor Replies

Thank you for your tip Dr. McKinney, and for also pointing out the printing error in line 20 for the short routine which should have been:

20 dec=0:x=LEN(a\$):FORI=1

To x:dec=2*dec-(MID\$(a\$,I,1)=""1):NEXT

We hope this error did not cause too many problems.

The Editor



Tony Frost from Sheffield writes,

Dear Sir,

I have a CPC 6128 computer. When word-processing I use Amword Advanced (SOFT 1164: DISC). However, can you advise me on the availability of software which would allow me to employ fully proportional spacing? My printer is the Brother HR20, (daisy-wheel), which supports PS.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Frost

Editor replies

Protex supports proportional spacing on a CPC 6128. As you know it is a very powerful word processing package which can be integrated with Promerge mail-merge program and Prospell spelling checker. It is available on disc or ROM through the User Club at a cost of £16.95 (CODE:TEXT0001, disc) or £32.95 (CODE: TEXT0002, ROM) to members.

The Editor

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WANTED

HELP!!!!

I was given a CPC 6128 last Christmas which was great, but I'm still having problems programming my machine. Is there anyone in the Walsall area who could offer some private tuition, as I find the manual does not always help? The problem's just too big for me, as I'm only 10 years old. Please phone Kerry my mum on (0922) 415091 after 6 p.m. if you can help.

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AMS Chat

CONFUSING INSTALLATIONS

Customers often telephone commenting on the confusion they experience when installing software or copying instruction lines out of magazines which make reference to drive B when using single drive machines. They are correct in their impression that drive B is the name by which a second drive is referred but mistaken in their belief that this is the reason they are unable to enter the command. The fact is that even though there is no physical drive B, there is a logical (or virtual) drive called B, which is in reality the A drive. When a reference is made to drive B, all the operating system does is halt processing and prompt the user to insert the disk into drive A that would have been in drive B had there been two physical drives. The operating system now begins processing from where it left off until a reference is made to drive A again, whereupon it halts and asks for the disk that should be in A and waits for the disks to be swapped. In this way, the operating system manages to simulate the presence of two drives even though there is only one. As an example, after entering the CP/M+ mode typing PIP B:=A:SUBMIT.COM initially looks as though an error would be created. However, what actually happens is that CP/M reads the SUBMIT.COM file into memory and then puts a prompt at the bottom of the screen for the disk for drive B. If a blank formatted disk is inserted into the disk drive, the SUBMIT.COM file is copied onto the blank disk as if there had been two drives and the file was copied directly from A to B. That's the wonder of CP/M!



MINI OFFICE II FORMULAE

Some members have been enquiring as to why in the spread sheet part of the program the formulae option does not work. After pressing F to indicate that you are going to use a formula, the keyboard does not allow any letters of the alphabet to be typed in. Well, the answer to this is very simple. The Mini Office Spreadsheet program only allows upper case characters to be entered when using a formula. So simply put the caps lock key on and enter the formulae.



PRINTING PROBLEMS

We have had several queries from our members who are running the Sage Invoicing program on the CPC 6128. The problem is that when they come to print out an invoice, an error message is printed out instead. This is caused by setting up the invoice where the two fields are too close to each other, so that they would overlap if they both held the maximum characters. To correct this, simply move the fields further apart.



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